

**BILL NO. 02-23**  
**As Amended**

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 02-23

Introduced by Council Members Chenoweth, Miller and Geppi

Legislative Day No. 02-19 Date July 2, 2002

AN EMERGENCY ACT to add new Article VI, Motorized Scooters, to Chapter 244, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to define the term motorized scooter; to prohibit the use of motorized scooters on County roads and County sidewalks; to establish a certain fine for violation of this Article; and generally relating to motorized scooters.

By the Council, July 2, 2002

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: August 6, 2002

at: 6:45 P.M.

By Order: James E. Massey, Jr.; Council Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on August 6, 2002, and concluded on, August 6, 2002.

James E. Massey, Jr.; Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland, That new Article VI, Motorized Scooters, be, and it is hereby, added to Chapter 244, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Harford County Code, as amended, all to read as follows:

Chapter 244. Vehicles and Traffic.

ARTICLE VI. MOTORIZED SCOOTERS.

SECTION 244-27. USE OF MOTORIZED SCOOTERS ON COUNTY ROADS AND  
COUNTY SIDEWALKS.

A. IN THIS SECTION "MOTORIZED SCOOTER" MEANS ANY TWO-WHEELED DEVICE THAT HAS HANDLE BARS, IS DESIGNED TO BE STOOD ON BY THE OPERATOR, AND IS POWERED BY AN ELECTRIC OR GAS MOTOR. MOTORIZED SCOOTER INCLUDES A GO-PED OR OTHER ELECTRIC OR GAS POWERED VERSIONS OF THE STAND-UP PLATFORM SCOOTER. MOTORIZED SCOOTER DOES NOT INCLUDE A MOPED, MOTOR SCOOTER, MOTORCYCLE OR OFF-THE-ROAD MOTORCYCLE AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED BY THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

B. A PERSON SHALL NOT OPERATE A MOTORIZED SCOOTER ON ANY COUNTY ROAD OR COUNTY SIDEWALK.

C. A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MAY ISSUE A CIVIL CITATION TO A PERSON VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT TO EXCEED

1           \$500. EACH VIOLATION SHALL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

2   Section 2.           And Be It Further Enacted, That this Act is declared to be an emergency act  
3   necessary to ensure the public safety by prohibiting the use of motor scooters on County roads  
4   because these devices inhibit the safe flow of traffic and this Act shall take effect on the date it  
5   becomes law.

EFFECTIVE:   August 9, 2002

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that  
fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available for  
distribution to the public and the press.*

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*Council Administrator*

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Brief Title) Motorized Scooters

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT**

**ENROLLED**

James E. Massey, Jr.  
Administrator

[Signature]  
President

Date 8-6-02

Date 8/6/02

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 02-20 (August 6, 2002)

Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

James E. Massey, Jr. Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002, at 4:00 p.m.



James E. Massey, Jr. Council Administrator

**BY THE EXECUTIVE**

James M. Hartman  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date August 9, 2002

**BY THE COUNCIL**

This Bill No. (02-23 As Amended), having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on August 9, 2002.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 9, 2002

James E. Massey, Jr.  
Council Administrator

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